

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 673

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Tyler Andrew Ward on being named The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year for Tennessee.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young people with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout, and Tyler Andrew Ward, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has not only joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor, but has also been named The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year for Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, as the state winner, Mr. Ward received a \$1,500 scholarship, and his nomination has been forwarded to the national headquarters to be considered during the spring meetings in May for The American Legion National Eagle Scout of the Year; and

WHEREAS, a scout for over eight years, Tyler was a Webelos Denner and a recipient of the Arrow of Light and is a member of the Order of the Arrow; he has attended Skymount Scout Reservation for three summers and has participated in two High Adventure camps with his scout troop; and

WHEREAS, a fourth-year student of Japanese, Mr. Ward has attended the McCallie School since the sixth grade, where his high academic achievement is complemented by his talent at the piano and organ; Tyler has scored high on the SAT and scored among a high percentage of all sophomores taking the ACT, all while maintaining a high grade point average; and

WHEREAS, the son of Steve and Deseret Ward, Tyler is a sophomore at McCallie, where he has demonstrated considerable ability as a leader among his peers as illustrated by his activity in student government, football, wrestling, and track; and

WHEREAS, his notable record of achievement as a member of his Boy Scout Troop includes numerous Merit Badges and distinguished service in many positions of leadership; and

WHEREAS, Tyler's Eagle project greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of Volunteerism; he organized a community-wide blood drive in which 180 donors were accepted from 215 community residents who volunteered; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ward evinces his devout religious faith as an active member of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; his religious foundation contributed to his earning of the Gospel in Action, Faith in God, and Duty to God awards, along with other scouting religious awards; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Tyler Ward as one of the most outstanding young people in our State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Tyler Andrew Ward upon being named The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year for Tennessee and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.